

I believe the record demonstrates both the value of existing media ownership rules and the dangers in permitting widespread consolidation of ownership. I also believe the FCC has been negligent in listening to important stakeholder groups, like musicians, recording artists and radio professionals, to ensure their testimony is on the record. The de facto boycott of field hearings by you and Commissioners Abernathy and Martin makes me question how interested some commissioners are in understanding the public's interest in these matters. Finally, a refusal to allow Congress and the public to view and debate your specific proposal would be a tremendous disservice to the American public and the citizens who depend on these media structures for their livelihoods.

I strongly urge you to give the public a true voice in these policies, which will forever alter the way citizens receive their news, information and entertainment.